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The Honorable Matt Schultz Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Building LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 2313, an Act relating to appropriations to certain state departments, agencies, funds, and certain other entities, providing for regulatory authority, and other properly related matters and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Section 19 of this legislation appropriates \$3 million dollars to the Department of Inspections and Appeals out of the Medicaid Fraud Fund. I recommended that funding for this appropriation come out of the general fund. However, the Legislature uses one-time money to fund ongoing expenses. Disapproval of this item would cut \$3 million from the Department of Inspections and Appeals' budget and prevent the department from performing its core and essential duties that protect Iowans. The use of one-time money to fund ongoing expenses must stop. I encourage the legislature to work with my administration to continue to return predictability and sustainability back to government budgeting.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Terry E. Branstad

Governor

cc:

Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the House